Sunny Start Family Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Meeting Date:	Wednesday, April 12th 6:30 – 8:00
Location:	IUPUI Education/Social Work Building
Committee Chair:	Denise Arland (Filling in for Mary Jo Paladino)
# of Participants:	7
Items of Interest	Proposed Dates for next meeting – Tuesday, June 13th or Wednesday June 14th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Proposed meeting location – Riley Hospital. If you have a preference, please e-mail toni @ **tmharpster@ yahoo.com** as soon as possible as room reservations need to be made. Comments on the Early Childhood Meeting Place should be sent to Cathy Beard via e-mail beardc@indiana.edu
Summary of meeting:	The group in Indianapolis joined Cathy Beard and Michael Conn-Powers at the Early Childhood Center in Bloomington via point to point video conference. Denise began the meeting by doing introductions, reviewing the participant packet and giving a brief history on Sunny Start and an explanation of current projects. The group requested a copy of the Power Point used be sent to them with the meeting minutes. Michael Conn-Powers and Cathy Beard then led the group through the changes to the Early Childhood meeting place. This web-site has been changed to include resources for families of all children ages birth through five. We were able to connect to the internet and project the image so all attendees could see the website. A person can sort by their county (either by name or click on a map) and get local, state and national resources which are separated into 4 categories. The categories currently are: community resources and financial assistance, Childcare and Early Education, Health and Safety and Parenting. The reaction to the new website was positive and a few suggestions were made for improvement, which are listed below. Michael will be meeting with the programmer to see if these changes are feasible.

	▪ When resources are listed, county resources should come up first, then state and then national resources. ▪ When you get to the first screen where all resources are listed, it might appear as though these are all the resources for a community. The group suggested changing the screen so a sort option comes up right away thus eliminating this problem. - - If this change cannot happen, the look of the screen needs to change along with the wording so people know they should sort by their county. ▪ Contact Information (i.e. Early Childhood Center, address, phone, e-mail) should be entered as a footer on all screens. Michael encouraged the group to notify colleagues and friends about the website and ask them to look at it and give their opinion. Any comments and/or suggestions for improvement should be sent to Cathy Beard – beardc@indiana.edu After the web-site presentation, there was discussion about how do we prevent account holders (resources) from going beyond the scope. Initially there will be random monitoring but this is an issue that needs further discussion. The question was also raised about duplicative efforts as other groups are doing similar websites. The group was reassured that the websites although there is some overlap are targeted toward different audiences, and will provide links to each other. Future meeting times were discussed. The group likes the 6:30 start time and thought the meeting should last two hours. Proposed dates were given and Toni and Karen Kaser will work together to come up with an exact date and meeting location.
Follow Up	Send Sub Committee Rosters to all committee members Copy of Sunny Start Power Point to All committee members Send final recommendations from initial work group to committee members